

The Elijah List on Terror before 9/11

What was actually said, and was any of it a warning?

A source study of 791 messages published on elijahlist.com between 10 March 1997 and 10 September 2001

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1. Summary of findings

Across 791 messages published on The Elijah List before 11 September 2001, the corpus contains a distinct and repeatedly circulated body of material predicting terrorist attacks on American soil. It does not contain anything that identifies the events of 11 September 2001.

The specific results:

- Forty-five of the 791 messages use the word "terror" or a derivative in some form. Of these, roughly a dozen concern terrorism as a predicted future event in the United States or the United Kingdom; the remainder are Middle East news reporting, devotional use of the word ("the terror of night", Ps 91), or metaphor.
- The words "Al Qaeda", "Osama", "Usama", "bin Laden", "Taliban", "World Trade Center", "Twin Towers" and "Pentagon" do not occur anywhere in the pre-9/11 corpus. Not once.
- "Jihad" occurs in two documents and "hijack" in two, all four in reportage on the Second Intifada or on Yasser Arafat's past — never as prediction.
- The terrorism material clusters tightly in the period November 1998 to December 1999 and is driven by the Y2K panic, not by any perception of an Islamist threat to American aviation or landmark buildings. It thins markedly through 2000 and is essentially absent in the eight months of 2001 preceding the attacks.
- The most concrete recurring predictions — Islamic attacks on children, school buses and shopping malls; an alliance between Communism and Islam; missiles landing on American cities; Islam ruling the United States for a period — did not happen. The elements that did partially align (attacks by Islamist actors, on the east coast, causing national fear) are the least specific elements in the material.
- The Elijah List's own publisher conceded the point six days after the attacks: "there was not an overarching clarity (at all) that the Twin Towers would be struck."

Assessment: the corpus supports a weak claim and refutes a strong one. It is true that named figures in this network said before 9/11 that Islamist terrorism would strike the United States, including the east coast. It is false that anyone on The Elijah List foresaw the attacks of 11 September 2001 in any operationally meaningful sense. The predictive content is generic where it is correct and wrong where it is specific — the signature of a high-volume prediction stream rather than of foresight.

2. Corpus, scope and method

2.1 The corpus

The analysis was run against the local archive in data/processed, which holds structured JSON extractions (id, url, title, author, publication date, body text) of pages fetched from elijahlist.com. At the time of analysis the archive contained 2,076 extracted messages; the fetch log recorded 4,104 attempts across IDs 1–4,094, of which 2,089 returned content, 2,005 returned MISSING (the page no longer exists on the site) and 10 failed on network errors.

Filtering on publication date yields 791 messages published before 11 September 2001, spanning 10 March 1997 to 10 September 2001, under 297 distinct bylines. These fall into a contiguous ID block 1–901 plus eleven higher-numbered items (IDs 2546–2661) that carry pre-9/11 dates.

Within the block 1–901, 780 IDs returned content and 121 returned MISSING — a recovery rate of 86.6% of the ID space. The 121 gaps are pages that elijahlist.com itself no longer serves. This is the single most important limitation of the study and is discussed in Appendix C.

2.2 Search strategy

Two passes were run over title plus body text of all 791 pre-9/11 messages. The first pass used a direct vocabulary of terror-related terms; the second used a set of oblique patterns designed to catch a warning phrased without the obvious words — falling buildings, towers, smoke, aircraft, Manhattan, Wall Street, the eastern seaboard, "on our soil", "within our borders", "to our shores". Every document returning a hit was read in context; the full text was read for all items judged substantively relevant.

Document-level hit counts across the 791 messages:

Docs	Term	Character of the hits
45	terror*	~12 predictive; rest Middle East reportage, Ps 91 devotional, metaphor
32	Islam / Muslim / Koran	Mostly Israel and Intifada reporting; a minority predictive
24	Arab*	Israel reporting
14	Iraq / Saddam	1998 Desert Fox reporting; one 1997 Cramer prediction
9	Iran / Tehran	Israel reporting; one drought prophecy (Feb 2001)
6	Afghanistan	Persecuted-church lists; a drought report; no threat content
2	jihaad	Both in Intifada reportage (IDs 48, 30)
2	hijack	Arafat's 1970 aircraft hijackings; one political metaphor
1	suicide bombing	Sbarro attack, Jerusalem, Aug 2001 (reportage)
8	anthrax / bio / chem / nuclear	One prediction (Conner, Dec 1998); rest metaphor or Israel context
0	Al Qaeda / Qaeda	—
0	bin Laden / Osama / Usama	—
0	Taliban	—
0	World Trade Center / Twin Towers	—
0	Pentagon	—

For calibration: "war" appears in 198 documents, "attack" in 99, "bomb / explosion / blast" in 73, "calamity / catastrophe / disaster" in 72, and Israel or the Middle East in 225. The corpus is saturated with the vocabulary of conflict and impending disaster. That saturation is itself an analytical finding and is taken up in §5.3.

3. Findings in chronological order

3.1 1997 – October 1998: terrorism as background noise

Nothing in the first nineteen months of the archive treats terrorism as a coming event. The word appears in Arutz-Sheva news bulletins on Israeli politics (ID 694, 6 Aug 1997), in a Dutch vision of blood in the streets of Jerusalem (ID 667, 28 Sept 1997), and in David Wilkerson's pastoral letter of 5 October 1998 (ID 616), which lists "all kinds of terrorist acts taking place, like those U.S. embassy bombings in Africa" among the things frightening an anxious correspondent. Wilkerson's point is that Christians should not be afraid; the East Africa bombings are cited as present news, not as a trajectory.

Jim Goll's "Spirit of Anxiety" (ID 613, 12 Oct 1998) uses "terror" as the name of a demonic spirit — "the spirit of anxiety could grow to where it calls in its older brother called panic... and then its cousin, the spirit of terror" — an internal, psychological register that recurs throughout the corpus and inflates the raw hit count.

3.2 November 1998 – December 1999: the Y2K cluster

This is where the substantive material sits, and its driver is unmistakable. The prophetic network expected the millennium rollover to produce social collapse, and terrorism entered the picture as one predicted consequence among several.

Steve Shultz reporting Paul Cain (ID 598, 7 Nov 1998)

The earliest explicit statement in the corpus that terrorism will strike inside the United States is a luncheon report, and it states the Y2K linkage without embarrassment:

Terrorists have plans to take advantage of the y2k situation to create terrible devastation in the U.S. (this is my paraphrase, not a direct quote). We need to pray here.

ID 598, Steve Shultz reporting Paul Cain at a Jack Deere pastors' luncheon, Portland, Oregon

The same report has Cain saying that Y2K "will not be as bad as some of the more extreme reports are saying" but is "a 'warm up' for the church, to get them ready for the really bad times coming". The threat model here is millennial infrastructure failure with opportunistic terrorists attached to it — not an autonomous Islamist campaign.

Bobby Conner, "The 1999 Shepherd's Rod – Part 1" (ID 583, 7 Dec 1998)

Under the heading "America's Terror":

America will experience terror and terrorism within our borders. There is a real danger of terroristic activities against our water systems. The threat from biological weapons is real. The Church must pray and intercede seeking wisdom to know how to disarm these plans and plots.

ID 583. The archive byline reads "Bobby Connor"; the author normally spells it Conner.

This is the first fully articulated warning in the corpus, and the first to name attack vectors. The two named — water systems and biological weapons — are both wrong for 2001. The bioterror line acquired retrospective plausibility from the anthrax letters of October 2001, a full month after the attacks and by a domestic, not Islamist, actor.

Paul Cain, "Dying to Live in Kansas City" (IDs 559–560, 31 Dec 1998)

There will be unprecedented terrorist activity... staged acts of terrorism by demonically inspired minds from different parts of the world will be employed against America, especially, but also against Great Britain. I tell you that there are certain people who are not finding any peace about what has happened in Afghanistan and Sudan and in Iraq.

ID 559

This is the strongest single item in the corpus, and it deserves to be stated plainly: Cain names America as the primary target, names Britain as secondary, attributes the motive to grievance over Western military action in Afghanistan, Sudan and Iraq — a reference to the August 1998 cruise missile strikes following the East Africa embassy bombings — and does so on 31 December 1998.

Three qualifications are equally necessary. First, this was not an obscure inference in 1998; the connection between the Sudan and Afghanistan strikes and the threat of retaliation against the United States was standard press analysis at the time. Second, the surrounding text embeds it in the Y2K schema — Cain's companion piece (ID 560) sequences it as "Y2K, which is just a precursor... then global economic pressures like a domino effect... then terrorism upon the world by forces that satan stirs up" — a chain of events that did not occur. Third, no target, method, timing or scale is given.

Bob Jones, relayed by Kathie Walters (ID 538, 24 Jan 1999)

He said everything is going to be shaken and that there were troubles coming to England. I asked him "What troubles?" and he said all kinds, but he mentioned terrorism, which would first strike the U.S.

ID 538

The National School of Prophets, Colorado Springs (IDs 523, 524, 525, published 6 Feb 1999)

Three independent eyewitness reports from the same January 1999 gathering, convened around Cindy Jacobs and C. Peter Wagner's circle. Taken together these are the densest concentration of terror prediction in the corpus.

It was VERY heavy & foretold many disasters — bombings targeting children, an alliance with Communism & Islam which would bring war & terrorism to our shores, particularly the east coast. We prayed a long time for the Atlantic sea-board states & also Chicago.

ID 523

Pray for the eastern seaboard, all along the east coast, and Washington D.C. for that is what the prophets were getting as being where the attack would come upon — terrorists acts.

ID 523

There will be an alliance formed between Communism and Islam nations and it will be more evil than anything we've ever known... Many of our men and women will die on our soil. Y2K will pale in comparison... The East coast will be hit first. It will be like the Titanic. We'll not be ready. There will be Islamic terrorist attacks that will hit our children. School buses and shopping malls will be targets.

ID 524

We will see an increase in terrorism — not on a large scale, but in a serious scale — it will be attacks against our children — school buses in particular were mentioned. This will have a devastating effect on the national psyche.

ID 525

Report #3 (ID 525) also records a prediction of "a huge explosion coming in Chicago", a six-day power outage in Las Vegas, and — the one item in the whole corpus involving a Washington landmark falling — the following:

He saw the Washington Monument coming down, and the dome gone from the Capitol. He did not prophecy that these things would actually occur in the natural physical — it could well be a spiritual release... again, he did not say this would be actual physical pulling down — but a matter of loosing spiritual bondages.

ID 525

The image is explicitly and twice disclaimed as non-physical, and concerns Freemasonry in the design of the District of Columbia. It cannot be counted as a warning of a physical attack on Washington without contradicting the text that carries it.

Jim Goll's consensus report (ID 510, 28 Feb 1999; republished verbatim as ID 260, 15 Dec 1999)

There will be Islamic terrorist attacks that will be launched against children. It will only be as many as 10 – 20 such episodes, but it will put tremendous fear and even terror into the heart of the nation.

ID 510

The same document adds that "an alliance will form between Communism and Islam", that "war is coming and that many of our own young men and women will die on this soil and foreign soil", and that Colorado Springs "in a time of war or attack... would be one of the primary first targets". The falsifiable content — a count of 10 to 20 episodes, children as the target class, Colorado Springs as a first target, a Communist-Islamic bloc — is uniformly wrong.

Bill Hamon, "The consensus of nationally known prophets on Y2K" (ID 443, 15 May 1999)

World War 3 will cause missiles to be launched against America and many will land and explode causing much devastation. America will be taken over and ruled by Islam for a period of time. Terrorist will bomb many school busses full of children, malls and stadiums full of people causing a spirit of great anxiety and fear to grip the people.

ID 443

Hamon frames this as conditional — averted if "we turn the Church to righteousness... by the end of the year 2002". As prediction it is the clearest failure in the corpus, and it is worth noting that it is also the item that most explicitly names Islam as the agent.

Dennis Cramer, "A word for England" (ID 423, 31 May 1999)

God says to England, "Guard yourself against foreign terrorism, especially in the cities of your northeastern coast. Don't be fooled by the past. Nations who claim to be your friends will prove otherwise."

ID 423

Directed at Britain, not the United States, and specifying the north-east English coast — an area that has seen no such attack.

Chuck Pierce, "A time for war" (ID 328, 23 Sept 1999)

He showed me strategy rooms in these latter two buildings where plans of terrorism and lawlessness were being devised. These acts of terrorism were designed to create great fear to hinder people from moving forward into a new place of worship and even cause some to convert to these false religious systems.

ID 328

The vision is architectural but symbolic: three "buildings" representing the compromised church, "militant religious governments" and "lawlessness". The violence Pierce then describes takes place "in schools, churches, shopping malls, and super grocery centers".

3.3 2000: attenuation

Once Y2K passed without incident the terrorism theme largely drains out of the material. What remains is brief and generic. Chuck Pierce's key issues for 2000 (ID 125, 31 May 2000) mentions in passing that "plots of terrorism, financial instability, increasing legalities, and government oppression lay ahead of us". In November (ID 23, 3 Nov 2000) he asks intercessors to "ask for lawless structures that are linked in with terrorist activities to be revealed", explicitly anchored to Oklahoma City — that is, to domestic right-wing terrorism.

The heavy terror vocabulary of autumn 2000 belongs entirely to Second Intifada reporting: Avner Boskey's on-location report of 3 October (ID 48) and Reuven Doron's long "Special report from Israel" of 26 October (ID 30), which supplies both of the corpus's "jihad" documents and its account of Arafat's 1970 aircraft hijackings. These are journalism about the Middle East, not prediction about America.

The Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders, 28 Nov 2000 (published ID 725, 15 Dec 2000)

The ACPE — Wagner, Jacobs, Pierce, Goll, Hamon, Sheets, Wentroble, the Sandfords and others — met ten months before the attacks and issued a corporate word. Its content is worth quoting in full because it is the closest thing the network has to an official position going into 2001:

We believe it has been revealed to us that the Devil plans to create great trouble in America in the near future, possibly through riots in some of our major cities... we agreed there was a time frame of six months for the need to pray against riots.

ID 725

A warning was given that we needed to intercede for the military for revival and that God would have our nation battle ready. The prophets were not giving a Word about a battle, but we did pray about this and felt that we should give a warning to pray for the military without further direction from the Lord.

ID 725

This is the pivotal document for the assessment. The threat the assembled prophets identified for the coming period was domestic rioting, on a six-month horizon that expired in May 2001. The military item is explicitly disclaimed — "the prophets were not giving a Word about a battle". No external attack is in view.

3.4 January – 10 September 2001: near silence

The final eight months contain 139 messages. Not one of them warns of a terrorist attack on the United States.

- Chuck Pierce's programme for 2001 (ID 745, 16 Jan) foresees "a shaking of systems" in political, economic and religious structures between March and June — no attack, no external enemy.
- Dennis Cramer's "Afghanistan and Iran" (ID 769, 9 Feb) — the only pre-9/11 item whose title names Afghanistan — is about a drought, offered as evidence that a 1997 prophecy had come true.
- Chuck Pierce and Cindy Jacobs, "A burden to pray for our inner cities in and during the coming months" (ID 846, 21 Jun) republishes the ACPE riot warning and adds Jacobs's word for the United Kingdom, whose predicted judgement is "racial riots on the streets".
- "Regarding 'Nuclear Explosion'" (ID 834, 10 May) is the corpus's most arresting title and its most complete false positive: an extended metaphor comparing the trigger mechanism of a fission device to a believer's heart surrounded by scriptural truths.
- Bill Yount's "The Statue of Liberty is changing her apparel" (IDs 857/862, 3 Jul) — the one message about New York harbour in the final quarter — is wholly positive: a prayer shawl over Liberty's shoulders, the torch replaced by a shofar, "the blast of Liberty... sounded and heard in the land".
- Bob Jones's 1996 Shepherd's Rod, released in written form on 9 August 2001 (ID 884) specifically because Keith Davis judged it "quite pertinent to the spiritual climate of today", speaks of "a limited expression of judgment on this nation" delivered through "natural disasters", "weather... increasingly volatile", "pestilence" and earthquakes. No human enemy appears.
- The final eight messages before the attacks (IDs 897–901 and 924–929, 28 August – 10 September) concern old wounds, a martyr's harvest in New England, the battle for the courts, warfare against principalities, and — published on 10 September — Ching Co's "Mercy triumphs over judgment".

4. Assessment: was there a warning?

4.1 What the corpus does support

A defender of the network can point to real text. Between November 1998 and May 1999, several named figures with standing in this movement said in print that terrorism would strike inside the United States; that Islamist actors would be responsible; that the east coast and Washington D.C. were where "the attack would come upon"; and that the effect would be national fear. Paul Cain located the motive in Western military action in Afghanistan, Sudan and Iraq. That is not nothing, and it should not be waved away.

4.2 What no pre-9/11 text supports

No message in the 791 mentions the World Trade Center, the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, aircraft used as weapons, hijacking as a future event, Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, or September 2001. No message describes tall buildings collapsing in an American city. No message describes a coordinated, single-morning, mass-casualty attack. The one image of an American landmark falling (ID 525) is disclaimed in its own text as non-physical.

The gap between §4.1 and §4.2 is the whole question. "Terrorism will hit America, probably the east coast" is a claim of a different order from "foresaw 9/11".

4.3 The base-rate problem

The corpus contains 791 messages over four and a half years, with "war" in 198 of them, "attack" in 99, "bomb / explosion" in 73 and "calamity / disaster" in 72. It predicts, in the same period and with the same confidence: nuclear missiles landing on American cities; Islamic rule over the United States; a Communist–Islamic superpower bloc; ten to twenty attacks specifically on children and school buses; a huge explosion in Chicago; Colorado Springs as a primary first target; a six-day blackout in Las Vegas; Y2K as a civilisational hinge; and race riots in Britain and America in the first half of 2001.

A stream producing predictions at this density and this breadth will intersect with almost any subsequent event. The methodological requirement is not to ask whether some sentence can be found that resembles what happened, but whether the corpus discriminates — whether it favoured the attack that occurred over the many that did not. It does not. The false positives outnumber the near-hits by a wide margin, and the near-hits are near only at the coarsest resolution.

A sharper test: someone reading The Elijah List attentively in August 2001 and acting on what they read would have been praying against urban rioting and preparing for economic shaking. Nothing available to them would have redirected attention toward civil aviation, toward Manhattan, or toward September.

4.4 Conditionality as an escape clause

Nearly every warning in the corpus is conditional: it will happen unless the church prays. The ACPE states the mechanism openly — 2 Chron 7:14, "if we pray God will prevent evil and heal our land" — and the January 1999 gathering added that "the key months to pray for the nation are February, then April, then July, for by October, the window would be just about closed" (ID 523).

Theologically this is defensible; there is a genuine biblical warrant for averted judgement, and Kim Clement argued it well on 30 September 2001 (ID 945) from Jonah and Joel. Epistemically, however, in a system where fulfilment confirms the prophet and non-fulfilment confirms the intercessors, no outcome can count against the claim. Deut 18:22 — cited within the corpus itself by Francis Frangipane — is neutralised in advance. Any assessment of this material has to state that its predictive claims are, as framed, unfalsifiable by construction, which is precisely why the retrospective claims made after 9/11 deserve scrutiny rather than deference.

4.5 The Elijah List's own verdict, six days after

The most useful evidence against an inflated claim comes from the publisher. On 17 September 2001 Steve Shultz wrote (ID 930):

Perhaps one of the most common questions we are getting here at the ELIJAH LIST is, "Did the prophets see this coming?"... the answer to that is BOTH "YES" and "NO." Yes... many ACCURATE revelations have come forth ahead of time. However, NO, there was not an overarching clarity (at all) that the Twin Towers would be struck, although some did see that the Towers would not remain, but they were not told why.

ID 930, 17 September 2001 — outside the pre-9/11 scope, quoted for assessment

The same message appeals for readers to send in prior warnings, with a striking evidentiary standard: "Only forward those visions or in some cases dreams, where you were given SPECIFIC and CREDIBLE information ahead of time and where you have witnesses to the fact that you WROTE IT DOWN ahead of time." That such a call was necessary is itself informative.

The retrospective material that followed reinforces the point. Kim Clement's much-cited 1996 word about terrorist attacks was published on The Elijah List on 30 September 2001 (ID 945) — nineteen days after the attacks and never before. Dennis Cramer's 1997 lines about Afghanistan appeared on 17 and 21 September (IDs 930, 931) and concern the future collapse of Afghan borders through war, published as prophecy after the American response had begun. None of this material was in front of Elijah List readers before 11 September, and it therefore cannot function as a warning; it can only function as a claim about a warning.

4.6 The dissenting voice inside the corpus

It is worth recording that the archive contains its own critique, published five months before the attacks. Francis Frangipane, "America at the threshold of destiny" (ID 807, 12 April 2001):

It is easy to call for, predict and anticipate the manifestation of divine wrath. It plays perfectly into our fears. Once you adjust your perception to expect doom, religious zeal supplies all sorts of apocalyptic visions of the end. The problem is, these visions are not true. I have heard scores of dated "doom and destruction" predictions over the last thirty years. None have been even remotely fulfilled. Why? Simply, those who said "Thus saith the Lord" had not heard from the Lord. They were only speaking from their fear and impatience.

ID 807

Frangipane goes on to cite Deut 18:22 and to predict that America "has only just begun to rise" and "will continue in ascendant power". Read against the rest of the corpus, his piece is the most

accurate methodological statement in it and one of the least accurate predictions in it — a symmetry that says something about the whole genre.

5. Verdict

On the evidence of 791 messages published before 11 September 2001:

- There was a warning of terrorism in the United States, issued mainly in 1998–1999, and it named Islamist actors and the eastern seaboard. This is documented and should be acknowledged.
- There was no warning of 11 September 2001. Nothing in the corpus identifies the target, the method, the scale or the season, and the last corporate word before the attacks pointed at urban riots instead.
- The predictive material fails on its own falsifiable content — the Communist–Islamic alliance, missiles on American cities, Islamic rule over the United States, ten to twenty attacks on schoolchildren, Chicago, Colorado Springs, Y2K as the hinge of history — while succeeding only where it is vague enough to be unfalsifiable.
- The 1998–1999 cluster is best explained without recourse to foresight. It follows the August 1998 East Africa embassy bombings and the American retaliation against Sudan and Afghanistan, and it is embedded in a Y2K apocalyptic that was, at the time, the dominant frame in this network. Paul Cain's December 1998 statement in particular reads as an accurate reading of the news rather than as revelation, and he says as much: "there are certain people who are not finding any peace about what has happened in Afghanistan and Sudan and in Iraq."
- Any later claim that The Elijah List or its contributors foresaw 9/11 must be tested against a fixed publication date. On the evidence assembled here, the strongest such claims rest on texts first published after the event.

Appendix A. Catalogue of relevant pre-9/11 items

Sorted by publication date. URLs follow the pattern

https://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=<ID>. "Predictive" marks items making a claim about future terrorism; "context" marks reportage, metaphor or devotional use retrieved by the search but not predictive.

ID	Date	Author	Item and classification
694	1997-08-06	Arutz-7 News Service	Arafat calls for 'great battle' — Israeli politics. Context.
667	1997-09-28	Abraham Flipppo	Jerusalem vision; bus attack. Context (Israel).
616	1998-10-05	David Wilkerson	Cites 1998 embassy bombings as present news. Context.
613	1998-10-12	Mark Fountain, Jim W. Goll	"Spirit of terror" as demonic affect. Context (metaphor).
598	1998-11-07	Steve Shultz reporting Paul Cain	"Terrorists have plans to take advantage of the y2k situation to create terrible devastation in the U.S." Predictive — earliest in corpus.
583	1998-12-07	Bobby Conner	"America's Terror": terrorism within US borders; water systems; biological weapons. Predictive.
559 / 560	1998-12-31	Paul Cain	"Unprecedented terrorist activity... against America... also Great Britain"; Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq. Predictive — strongest item.
553	1999-01-08	Mark Fountain, Jim W. Goll	"Storm warnings"; terror as spirit; "Call 911" = Ps 91:1. Context (metaphor).
538	1999-01-24	Kathie Walters / Bob Jones	"He mentioned terrorism, which would first strike the U.S." Predictive.
523	1999-02-06	Reynolds, Schwab, Davis et al.	NSP report #1: Communism–Islam alliance; terrorism "to our shores, particularly the east coast"; Washington D.C. Predictive.
524	1999-02-06	Paquette, Hackett	NSP report #2: "The East coast will be hit first"; Islamic attacks on children, school buses, malls. Predictive.
525	1999-02-06	Anita [surname withheld]	NSP report #3: terrorism against children; Chicago explosion; Washington Monument / Capitol dome — explicitly disclaimed as non-physical. Predictive.
510 / 260	1999-02-28 / 1999-12-15	Jim W. Goll	Colorado Springs consensus: "Islamic terrorist attacks... 10–20 such episodes"; Colorado Springs a first target. Predictive.
443	1999-05-15	Bill Hamon	WWIII; missiles on America; "America will be taken over and ruled by Islam"; school bus bombings. Predictive.
423	1999-05-31	Dennis Cramer	England: "foreign terrorism, especially in the cities of your northeastern coast." Predictive (UK).
328	1999-09-23	Chuck Pierce	"A time for war": strategy rooms devising terrorism; violence in schools and malls. Predictive (symbolic).
261	1999-12-14	Avner Boskey	Iran/Iraq chemical, biological, nuclear pursuit. Context (Israel).
125	2000-05-31	Chuck Pierce	"Plots of terrorism... lay ahead of us" — single clause. Predictive (generic).
48	2000-10-03	Avner Boskey	Intifada on-location report; jihad declarations. Context.
30	2000-10-26	Reuven Doron	Special report from Israel; Arafat's 1970 hijackings. Context.

ID	Date	Author	Item and classification
23	2000-11-03	Chuck Pierce	Pray that "lawless structures linked in with terrorist activities" be revealed; anchored to Oklahoma City. Predictive (domestic).
705	2000-11-24	Doron & Frangipane	Israeli school bus bombing; Hadera car bomb. Context.
725	2000-12-15	ACPE (via Brian Kooiman)	Corporate word, 28 Nov 2000: riots in major cities, six-month horizon; military item explicitly disclaimed. Pivotal.
745	2001-01-16	Chuck Pierce	What to expect in 2001: shaking of systems, March–June. No attack.
769	2001-02-09	Dennis Cramer	"Afghanistan and Iran" — drought. Context.
807	2001-04-12	Francis Frangipane	America at the threshold of destiny: repudiates doom prophecy; cites Deut 18:22. Counter-voice.
834	2001-05-10	Greg Bachnik	"Nuclear Explosion" — extended metaphor for the believer's heart. Context.
846	2001-06-21	Pierce & Jacobs	Republishes ACPE riot warning; Jacobs's UK word predicts race riots. Pivotal.
857 / 862	2001-07-03	Bill Yount	Statue of Liberty in a prayer shawl, torch replaced by a shofar. Context (positive, New York).
874	2001-07-31	Pat Cocking (Patricia King)	"Great wealth – great warning": prosperity and apostolic maturation. No attack.
884	2001-08-09	Bob Jones / Keith Davis	1996 Shepherd's Rod released Aug 2001 as "pertinent to today": judgement via natural disasters only.
899	2001-08-31	Rachel Boskey	Sbarro suicide bombing, Jerusalem. Context (Israel).
901	2001-09-10	Ching Co	"Mercy triumphs over judgment" — last message before the attacks.

Appendix B. Method

Source: local JSON extractions in data/processed of the Elijah List Research Archive, fetched from elijahlist.com. Fetch log: logs/fetch-log.jsonl.

Date parsing used the site's own publication_date field (format "Mon DD, YYYY"). One record (ID 813) lacked the field; its date was recovered from the body text (22 April 2001) and it was included. The cut-off was set at 11 September 2001 exclusive, giving 791 records.

Pass 1 (direct vocabulary), case-insensitive regular expressions over title + body: terror*; al[-]?qa[ei]da; jihad; bin laden | osama | usama; taliban; islam | muslim | moslem | mohammed | muhammad | koran | qur'an; arab*; afghan*; iraq | saddam | hussein; iran | tehran; world trade | twin tower | trade cent*; pentagon; new york | manhattan | nyc; washington d.c. | white house | capitol; hijack | high-jack; airplane | airliner | jetliner | air travel; bomb* | explosi* | blast*; suicide bomb* | homicide bomb*; anthrax | biological weapon | bio-terror | chemical weapon | nuclear | nuke | dirty bomb; attack*; war; skyscraper | tall building | high-rise; calamity | catastroph* | disaster | tragedy | devastation; national security | homeland | border; middle east | israel | jerusalem | palestin*.

Pass 2 (oblique patterns), designed to catch a warning phrased without the obvious words: towers; buildings will fall / collapse / crumble; smoke rising / pillar of smoke / ashes falling; Wall Street | financial district | stock exchange; east coast | eastern seaboard; September; planes crashing / falling / exploding / hitting; "on our soil" | "on American soil"; "within our borders"; "to our shores"; "attack on America / this nation"; "America will be attacked / hit / struck / shaken"; "strike America"; "great city" | "major cities" | "cities will burn / fall".

Every document returning a hit in either pass was inspected with ± 350 –450 characters of surrounding context; full body text was read for all items listed in Appendix A. Hits were classified as predictive, contextual (reportage / devotional / metaphor) or irrelevant.

Appendix C. Limitations

- 121 IDs in the pre-9/11 block 1–901 return MISSING from elijahlist.com. These pages were either removed at some point or never existed. If a message warning of the attacks was published and later deleted, this study cannot see it. The archive's own stated purpose — documenting messages that have since been removed — is the right response to this limitation, but it cannot recover what is already gone. 86.6% of the ID space in the relevant block was recovered.
- The Elijah List was, in this period, a mailing list as much as a website. Material sent to subscribers but never given a permanent display_word page is outside the corpus entirely.
- Extraction quality was not independently audited. Body text appears clean, but if the extractor truncated long pages, terror-related passages could sit beyond the truncation point.
- The date field is the site's own and may reflect republication rather than first publication; several items are explicitly flagged in their own text as reprints of earlier material (e.g. IDs 807, 815, 884, 892). Where this matters it is noted in the analysis.
- The crawl was still running during the analysis; the record count moved from 2,066 to 2,076 within a few minutes. The pre-9/11 block 1–901 was complete and stable, so the finding is not affected, but a re-run after the crawl completes is advisable before publication.

- Absence of a term is not absence of an idea. The search was designed with pass 2 precisely to mitigate this, but a warning couched in wholly idiosyncratic imagery could in principle have escaped both passes.